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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1 - 14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A financial method implemented at least partially on a computer system for replicating the performance of a combination of financial instruments as a single regulated security comprising:

automatically determining a price of an underlying security using the computer system, said underlying security comprising one or more preferred or common stocks;

structuring an exchange traded exchangeable security with an minimum holding period exchange date and an exchange maturity date;

providing said exchangeable security with an option for exchanging said exchangeable security for a predetermined specific number of shares of the underlying security, said option commencing at a time beginning or later than the minimum holding period and ending at the predetermined exchange maturity date;

providing said exchangeable security with a link to a pre-determined linked payment paid to the holder of said exchangeable security at said maturity date if said exchangeable security is tendered for said underlying security at a time on or after said minimum holding period through said maturity date;

automatically determining the amount of said pre-determined linked payment using the computer system;

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setting an offering price at a first time for the exchangeable security, wherein the offering price is the determined price of the underlying security;
issuing said exchangeable security;
determining at a second time if the time exceeds the minimum holding period and exchanging the underlying security for the exchangeable security; and
determining if the second time is at or after said maturity date, and crediting the amount of said pre-determined linked payment.

16. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the price of the underlying security is a market price of a share of the underlying security.

17. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the price of the underlying security is a closing price of a share of the underlying security.

18. (cancelled)

19. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the second time is a defined period after the first time, the defined period selected from the group including one month, one quarter, semi-annual, single year and multiple years.

20. (original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the second time is two years after the first time.